NEW LICENSING FEES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S) House Bill 2462

1. Q: Under what authority can the Division of Licensing Services (Division) increase fees?

A: House Bill 2462 (HB) which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor has given the Department of Health Services (Department) the authority to raise licensing fees. Additionally this HB exempts the Department from the rule making requirements of ARS Title 41, Chapter 6 requiring public input and approval by the Governor's Regulatory Review Committee. You can find a copy of this HB by going to www.azleg.gov and search for HB 2462. For your information, licensing fees have not increased since 1973.

2. Q: When will the new fees take effect?

A: The new fees will take place with any license that expires on September 30, 2008 and thereafter.

3. Q: Which fees will be raised, and by how much?

A: At this point, only licensed bed capacity fees will be increased while the application and base fees will remain the same. The licensed bed capacity fees will be raised from \$10.00 per bed to \$25.00 per bed.

4. Q: Which licensing programs will raise fees?

A: At this point only the following licensing programs will raise fees: Office of Long Term Care Licensing, Office of Assisted Living Licensing, Office of Behavioral Health Licensing and Office of Medical Licensing.

5. Q: Will the new licensed bed capacity fees apply to initial and change of ownership applications?

A: If your initial or change of ownership license becomes effective on September 30, 2008 or after, you will have to remit the new fees before you can obtain your license.

6. Q: If I already submitted an application, will I have to pay the difference of the old and new fees?

A: If your application is for a license that has an expiration date of September 30, 2008 forward, you will have to remit the difference of the prior licensed bed capacity fee and the increased licensed bed capacity fee. Once this fee difference is received, the Division can send out your license (this assumes the Division is not missing any other information)

If you have any questions, please call your licensing program's main number:

Assisted Living Licensing	(602) 364-2639
Behavioral Health Licensing	(602) 364-2595
Long Term Care Licensing	(602) 364-2690
Medical Facilities Licensing	(602) 364-3030